

Today in Corps history:
Nov. 7, 1941: The Marine Corps Reserve of 23 battalions completed its mobilization.

Source: Marine Corps History

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THE BOOT

“We Make Marines”

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PI Steelers take two games from Hilton Head

Both age groups of the Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina Steelers defeated the Hilton Head Gators in their last regular season games of the Beaufort ...
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Local News

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES BEING HELD

Depot Safety is offering Motorcycle Safety courses Nov. 13 -14 and Dec. 18 - 19 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
To learn more, call 228-3213.

SEE THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS WITH ITT

Celebrate the holidays with a trip to the 14th Annual Holiday Festival of Lights at James Island County Park with Information, Tickets and Tours Dec. 19. The trip offers a three-mile driving tour to view millions of lights. Participants may also vist Santa's Village or Winter Wonderland.

Price of the tour is \$10 per person and does not include all of the attractions. The bus departs the Depot ITT office at 5:30 pm. and returns around 11 p.m. Call 228-1540 to learn more.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL BENEFITS INCREASE

As of Oct. 1, GI Bill benefits have increased to \$985 per month for a full-time student, providing up to \$35,000.

More information on the GI Bill can be found at www.gibill.va.gov or by calling the Depot Education Center at 228-2152.

CREDO RETREATS OFFER FREE GETAWAY

The Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Organization offers a 72-hour retreat to teach participants how to get more out of their life, job or faith.

The next retreat is Feb. 19 - 22. Each retreat begins Thursday at 5 p.m. and ends Sunday at 3 p.m.

Marriage Enrichment Retreats are for couples who are seeking greater satisfaction, closeness and genuineness in the marriage. Upcoming retreat dates are Nov. 14 - 16, Jan. 23 - 25 and Feb. 13 -15.

To register for a retreat, or to learn more, contact Marine Corps Family Team Building at 228-1505.

On the Web

THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT NOV. 20

Join millions of Americans and quit smoking during the Great American Smokeout Nov. 20.

The idea for the smokeout grew out of a 1971 event, when a Massachusetts resident asked people to give up smoking for a day and donate the money they would have spent on cigarettes to a local high school.

Visit www.cancer.org/smokeout for more information.

Out in Town

HILTON HEAD DANCE THEATRE BALLET

The Hilton Head Dance Theatre presents the traditional Christmas ballet "The Nutcracker" at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina today - Sunday and Nov. 12 - 15 at 7:30 p.m. A 2:30 p.m. matinee will be offered Sat. - Sun. and Nov. 15. For ticket information, call 842-2787.

Weather



Friday
Few Showers
Hi 78 Low 55
Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 70 Low 49
Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 70 Low 50

Looking back at history ...



Cpl. Jennifer Brofer

Two Marines march off the Peatross Parade Deck after showcasing their period-style Marine uniforms during the 228th Marine Corps Birthday Commemoration Wednesday. The historical pageant featured Marine Corps camouflage utilities and dress uniforms from the Colonial era, all the way up to present day Marine Pattern camouflage utilities.

Depot honors civilians' work with Civilian Appreciation Day

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STAFF WRITER

The Depot's civilian personnel were recognized for their hard work and dedication during 2003 Civilian Appreciation Day at the Four Winds Club Oct. 28. Although bad weather extinguished the planned picnic and outdoor activities, personnel associated with the event believe that the event was still a success.

"It would have been nice if it was sunny," said Capt. Tim Hough, operations officer for H&SBn., who explained that last year's event also suffered from inclement weather. "But I don't think the rain took away from the event. Everybody had a good time."

The event began at the Depot theater with opening remarks by Brig. Gen. Joseph J. McMnamin, commanding general MCRD/ERR, citing the Depot civilians' importance to the everyday operations and success of the Depot.

After his remarks, Brig. Gen.



Lance Cpl. Marsha Garcia

Civilian personnel were recognized for their continued dedication to the Depot's goal of transforming America's youth, during the 2003 Civilian Appreciation Day at the Four Winds Club Oct. 28.

McMnamin presented a civilian service pin to Floyd Parrish, a civilian who has worked with the Depot telecommunications section for 41 years, and Paul Binyard, a chef at Traditions with 42

years of service. Both men were honored because of their 40 plus years of service to the Depot. but this day was not just about two men.

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Parris Island families enjoy RMC's Fall Harvest Fest

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More than 400 Marines, sailors and their families dressed up in their favorite costumes to attend the Religious Ministry Center's Fall Harvest Fest Oct. 31, a celebration which had games, prizes, food and fun for all in a "family-friendly" environment.

Children dressed up as dragons, princesses and even Scooby Doo, to enjoy various festivities such as a Jumpin' Jaxx, rock wall, seaweed monster obstacle course, sack race, face painting and hula hoop contest.

"This was a family-friendly festival for all the families to come and have fun," said Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Boyle, H&SBn. chaplain. "Not a lot of military bases have this way of celebrating Halloween, and this lets families have

fun in a safe environment."

As opposed to traditional trick-or-treating, which is synonymous with the Halloween celebration, the festival offered an alternative way to enjoy the holiday with other families aboard the Depot.

Many families go trick-or-treating every year, but they never do anything to bring the neighborhood together, said Boyle. Rather than going from door to door and collecting candy, the festival gave them a chance to get together and enjoy the holiday as a community.

Families feasted on hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn and other treats, while testing their luck on the Froggy Fly Fling game, ball toss and cake walk. The festivities continued long after sunset with multiple routines performed by the Battery Creek High

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Pfc. Justin J. Shemanski

Mylanna Jeffrey, 2, daughter of Gunnery Sgt. Martin L. Jeffrey, gets her face painted by one of the Battery Creek High School cheerleaders at the Fall Harvest Fest Oct. 31.

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